

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A removable mass storage device 812 provides additional data storage capacity for the computer system 800, and is coupled either bi-directionally or uni-directionally to CPU 802. For example, a specific removable mass storage device commonly known as a CD-ROM typically passes data uni-directionally to the CPU 802, whereas a floppy disk can pass data bi-directionally to the CPU 802. Storage 812 may also include computer-readable media such as magnetic tape, flash memory, ~~signals embodied on a carrier wave~~, PC-CARDS, portable mass storage devices, holographic storage devices, and other storage devices. A fixed mass storage 820 can also provide additional data storage capacity. The most common example of mass storage 820 is a hard disk drive. Mass storage 812, 820 generally store additional programming instructions, data, and the like that typically are not in active use by the CPU 802. It will be appreciated that the information retained within mass storage 812, 820 may be incorporated, if needed, in standard fashion as part of primary storage 810 (e.g. RAM) as virtual memory. --